

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with George Dolina, on 03/12/2009.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 12 on line 6 after "comprising" please insert –using one or more processors to perform the steps of–

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

4. Claims 1-3, 5-9 and 12-13 (now renumbered 1-10 for issue) are allowed over the prior art of record.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: In addition to the teaching of claims 1, 5 and 12, as a whole, closest art of record failed to teach or suggest among other thing, "**arranging for said de-compressing processor to assign to first and second chrominance values for the one of said first and second pixels representing substantially white or black the value of zero,**

to assign to first and second chrominance values for the other of said first and second pixels, not representing substantially white or black, twice the value of the first and second input chrominance values respectively,"

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Mekonen Bekele whose telephone number is 571-270-3915. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday -Friday from 8:00AM to 5:50 PM Eastern Time. If attempt to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor AHMED SAMIR can be reached on (571)272-7413. The fax phone number for the organization where the application or proceeding is assigned is 571-237-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published application may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR.

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